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THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, Sir, it is impossible to give an exhaustive list. But I believe an important thing like the Tariff Board Report would be got by the Library."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Would all economic enquiry reports be got or can be got?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall try to find out what is being got. I shall also find out what will be necessary."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the publications of the International Labour Office and the United Nations Organization are subscribed for; if not, whether they will be regularly subscribed for?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" This question refers to the Government of India altogether. The hon. Gentleman can put another question if he wishes information on the point he has raised."

Alleged blackmarketing of rice.

* 117 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in a press interview on the 11th September 1947, the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development stated that during his tour of the Presidency he found widespread blackmarketing of rice;

(*b*) whether in the same interview he stated that he also found corruption among lower officials;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the said evils, namely, widespread blackmarketing of rice and corruption among lower officials exist in this Province; and

(*d*) what steps have been taken, or are proposed to be taken by the Government, to eradicate the said evils?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Food) :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) Both these evils are present, but their extent seems to differ from district to district.

" (*d*) Drastic action is being taken in respect of offences relating to blackmarketing of rice and the rules and regulations in this regard are being strictly enforced and any infringement that comes to notice will be seriously dealt with. The measures taken by the Government to put down corruption among Government servants and the remedies prescribed for checking the spread of the evil have been embodied in Press Communiqué No. 26, dated 19th July 1946, which was placed on the table of the House with reference to Legislative Assembly question No. 176/46 answered on 7th September 1946. The Government have also recently constituted a Committee to

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enquire into the question of corruption among Government servants and to suggest ways and means of dealing with it. Further action in the matter will be taken after the committee's report is received."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are not these evils due to the existence of controls? Will not these evils be effectively eradicated by the removal of controls? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is entirely a matter of opinion, Sir."

Servicemen discharged from the Defence Forces.

* 118 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the number of servicemen from this Province who have been discharged so far from the Defence Forces;

(b) the number of discharged men who have been resettled in this Province;

(c) the nature of the assistance given to settle them in life;

(d) the number of institutions started for their benefit, their location, facilities available and the number employed or settled in each; and

(e) the expenditure involved in resettling ex-servicemen and whether the whole or any part of it is borne by the Government of India?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Food) :—" (a) The number of servicemen discharged up to 31st July 1947 so far as information is available with the Government is 208,491.

" (b) The number resettled is 48,216 including discharged war workers.

" (c) The Employment Exchange organization set up by the Government of India and the District Employment Offices established by this Government assist the ex-servicemen in resettling in life by finding them suitable employment under the Provincial and Central Governments as well as in private undertakings and firms. The Government of India have undertaken Technical and Vocational Training of Ex-servicemen and Ex-servicewomen in various trades so as to promote their efficiency in civil employment. A number of Co-operative Workshops, Motor Transport Societies and Land Colonization Co-operatives including some miscellaneous co-operative schemes have been sanctioned by the Government of Madras for resettlement of ex-servicemen.

" (d) A statement [a] giving the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

" (e) So far a sum of Rs. 18,30,000 has been spent on the Provincial Resettlement schemes by this Government. The

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 646–649 infra.